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- 1. INFORMAL WORKING GROUP CONTINUES TO REVIEW ECOSOC RULES OF PROCEDURE. GROUP IS EXAMINING ONLY THOSE RULES CONTAINING BRACKETED LANGUAGE AT THIS POINT. SUBSEQUENTLY, INFORMAL WORKING GROUP WILL FORWARD ITS FINDINGS TO PLENARY WHERE THERE WILL, OF COURSE, BE FURTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION AND DEBATE OF THE DRAFT RULES.
- 2. SOVIETS INTEND TO MAKE AN ISSUE OF RULE 72, CONCERNING PARTICIPATION OF NON-MEMBER STATES. AS REPORTED REFTEL, THEY WISH TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVITATION OF STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE UN. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INFORMAL WORKING GROUP HAS DRAFTED TEXT QUOTED BELOW TO COVER THIS CONCERN. DEPT'S COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT RULE 72 REQUESTED ASAP SO THAT MISSION CAN PROCEED WITH CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

BEGIN QUOTE -

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- 1. THE COUNCIL SHALL INVITE ANY MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS THAT IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL, AND MAY INVITE ANY OTHER STATE#, TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS DELIBERATION ON ANY MATTER THAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THAT STATE.
- 2. A COMMITTEE OR SESSIONAL BODY OF THE COUNCIL MAY INVITE ANY STATE# THAT IS NOT ONE OF ITS OWN MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS DELIBERATIONS ON ANY MATTER THAT IT CONSIDERS TO BE OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THAT STATE.
- 3. A STATE THUS INVITED SHALL NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE BUT MAY SUBMIT PROPOSALS, WHICH MAY BE PUT TO THE VOTE ON REQUEST OF ANY MEMBER OF THE BODY CONCERNED.

#IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TERM "ANY ... STATE" WILL BE INTERPRETED IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRACTICE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN IMPLEMENTING AN "ALL STATES" CLAUSE, AND THAT WHENEVER ADVISABLE THE COUNCIL WILL REQUEST THE OPINION OF THE ASSEMBLY BEFORE AN INVITATION IS ISSUED. END QUOTE.

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